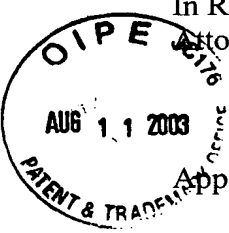


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Filed : June 20, 2002  
Title : CARBON FIBROUS MATTER, PRODUCTION  
: DEVICE OF CARBON FIBROUS MATTER,  
: PRODUCTION METHOD OF CARBON FIBROUS  
: MATTER AND DEPOSIT PREVENTION DEVICE  
: FOR CARBON FIBROUS MATTER  
Group Art Unit : 1754  
Examiner : Stuart L. Hendrickson  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 10, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I (apparatus claims 8-9 and 12) for initial prosecution in connection with this application.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement to the extent that the Examiner maintains claims 10 and 11 (Group II) should be prosecuted separate from the

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Group I claims. The Group II claims are process claims, but they have certain structural elements recited therein. Thus, the search and examination of the Group I apparatus claims will likely encompass the same subject matter as the Group II process claims. Applicants, thus, request that the Examiner include the Group II process claims 10 and 11 along with the search and examination of the elected Group I apparatus claims.

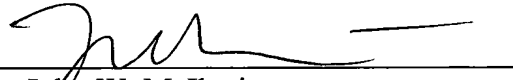
Finally, Applicants traverse the statement on page 2, fifth paragraph, of the Office Action, i.e., that the carbon fibrous material of the Group III claims is "known in the art". Applicants continue to believe that patentable subject matter resides within the present disclosure of a carbon fibrous material.

In summary, Applicants elect Group I but request the Examiner to also include Group II within the claims examined at this time.

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